This is a very early Beatle gag picture taken in their hotel at Bournemouth. The Beatles had just returned from a Safari into the deepest jungle of the local cinema where they were doing a one night stand. When they returned to the hotel they found that someone had forgotten to order chip butties and cokes so they drew lots to discover the culprit and poor Ringo won. He lived to tell the tale!

THE Beatles GO bonkers

Stark ravin' bonkers, that's what they are. Who? Why John, Paul, George and Ringo of course. But in the nicest possible way I hasten to add before millions of irate Beatle fans beseige the Fabulous offices! The Beatles have the most natural zany sense of humour to come out of Liverpool since pop music began and we reckon this contributes to their whopping great success. Don't you agree? Yes—well look at the pix on this page. We've chosen the zaniest we can find for our Flips Its Lid issue 'cos we knew you'd want to have a laugh with The Beatles. There are so many thousands of Beatle pictures in our files that it really was a heartbreaking job finding just five. The pics really tell their own story or perhaps you'd like to imagine different gag lines for each one? The best thing about The Beatles is that each one has a different appeal. To me George is the handsome one, John the witty one, Paul the fun-to-be-with one and Ringo the lovable one. Put them all together and you've got the biggest bunch of "clowns" in show business.

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Travelling round all the time the Boys don't get much time to go to the barber's. So they decided that as they had a few spare minutes on their hand they'd help George by giving him a shave and a firebucket-cut while he waited. John has sized up his head to fit the bucket and Paul is about to dole out the shaving cream. Of course they could be about to repel boarders! Or nosy FAB reporters! Like me!

I don't know if you are aware of the desperate situation at the North-East Pole. Well, anyway, the snow is getting so thick that the local Eskimos need to drum up some more tourist trade, and they made Paul Beatle an honorary member of their tribe so that he could carry out the recruiting campaign for them. Here he is in his "My Country Needs You" pose. Doesn't he look smashing?

Thought you'd like this picture of John blowing his own trumpet . . . sorry, I mean tuba. This was taken at a civic reception in Liverpool where the din was loud enough without John making his contribution. Seriously though, this page is just a laugh and the stories are all gags. Last word must come from Ringo (below left) who seems to be saying that Big Brother's watching you!

Fab | Paul and Ringo